

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

08/979,810

Examiner

Mark Fadok

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Board of Appeals decision mailed 9/22/2004.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14 and 29-44.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 November 1997 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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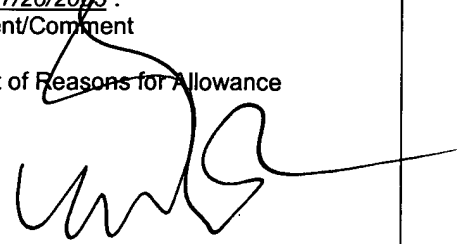
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 7/26/2005.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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DETAILED ACTION

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The examiner is in receipt of the Board of Appeals decision mailed 9/22/2004. Acknowledgement is made to the reversal of the examiner's position. The claims have been carefully reconsidered in light of the decision and have resulted in the following reasons for allowance.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-14 and 29-44 are allowable.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for independent claims 1,30,33,35,36,37,and 43.

The instant claims teach a method, apparatus, and storage medium for receiving a plurality of status indicators which includes a trading identifier that is associated with the plurality of different processes involved in the ordering and delivery of a products purchased using the e-commerce method, apparatus, and storage medium of the instant claims.

Independent claims 1,30,33,35,36,37,and 43 identify the uniquely distinct feature as follows:

Claim 1:

receiving from said communication network trading processing information including and e-mail address, a present status of processing for delivery of said

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product corresponding to said order, a present status of processing for payment processing for said trading, a present status of processing for payment processing for said trading and the trading identifier,

Claim 30:

creating trading processing information including a present status of processing for processing initiated for said order, a present status of processing for delivery of said product corresponding to said order, a present status of processing for payment processing for said trading, and the trading identifier

Claim 33:

a trading status transmitting device for creating trading processing information including a present status of processing for processing initiated for said order, a present status of processing for delivery of said product corresponding to said order, a present status of processing for payment processing for said trading, and the trading identifier

Claim 35:

a storage component having a code sequence for realizing the step of creating trading processing information including a present status of processing for processing initiated for said order, a present status of processing for delivery of said product corresponding to said order, a present status of processing for payment processing for said trading, and the trading identifier

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Claim 36:

a storage component having a code sequence for realizing a step of transmitting to said client trading information including a trading identifier associated with said order and data on the contents of said order,

Claim 37:

a trading information acquiring device for receiving from server trading processing information including a present status of processing for processing initiated for said order, a present status of processing for delivery of said product corresponding to said order, a present status of processing for payment processing for said trading, and the trading identifier

Claim 43:

a storage component having a code sequence for realizing the step of receiving from said server trading processing information including a present status of processing for processing initiated for said order, a present status of processing for delivery of said product corresponding to said order, a present status of processing for payment processing for said trading, and the trading identifier

US Patents and PG-PUB

(i) US Patent 5903878 Talati et al. discloses a unique transaction identifier associated with a purchase order. Talati et al, however fails to anticipate or render the application's above-mentioned limitation(s) obvious.

(ii) US Patent 5,870,717 to Wiecha discloses a method for tracking purchase orders in an e-commerce environment. Wiecha, however fails to anticipate or render the application's above-mentioned limitation(s) obvious.

Foreign Patent Documents

(iii) WO 94/28497 teaches a method for tracking purchase orders to a plurality of suppliers. This patent however, fails to anticipate or render the application's above-mentioned limitation(s) obvious.

Non-Patent Literature

(iv) Towle, Henry, On the fast track with TotalTrack: UPS deploys mobile data service, May 1993, teaches tracking packages and reporting information

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over a network, Towle, however fails to anticipate or render the application's above-mentioned limitation(s) obvious.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mark Fadok** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-6755**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Wynn Coggins** can be reached on **(571) 272-7159**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **receptionist** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-3600**.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Fadok', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Fadok

Primary Examiner